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SUBJ: OMANI STUDENTS' RECALL

1. LATEST MINED POSITION ON AUB STUDENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED TWO FULL YEARS OF STUDY WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AT AUB. THUS ALL STUDENTS WHO BEGAN THEIR STUDIES IN SEPTEMBER 1972 WILL PROBABLY BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN THEIR AID SCHOLARSHIPS (MINED NOT YET SURE ABOUT THOSE WHO ENTER UOP);

B. STUDENTS WHO BEGAN STUDIES IN SEPTEMBER 1973 MAY POSSIBLY BE PERMITTED BY MINED TO COMPLETE SUMMER HALF-SEMESTER BEGINNING JULY 1 WHICH NECESSITATED BY SPRING DISTURBANCES. HOWEVER, SINCE THESE STUDENTS WILL PROBABLY BE SENT TO LEWIS UNIVERSITY OR INDIANA UNIVERSITY, WHOSE SESSIONS START LATE AUGUST, EMBASSY ADVISING AGAINST RETURN TO AUB. WILL HAVE FINAL REPORT AFTER COMBINED MEETING WITH STUDENTS AND MINED JUNE 28 OR 29.

2. LATEST MINED POSITION ON PLANS FOR SENDING STUDENTS TO U.S. IS THAT ONLY STUDENTS NOT PERMITTED RETURN TO AUB WILL BE SENT TO EITHER INDIANA UNIVERSITY OR LEWIS UNIVERSITY. SINCE LESS THAN TEN STUDENTS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED, MINED FEELS OMANI EMBASSY

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IN WASHINGTON WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM. AFME AGREEMENT WILL

BE SIGNED FOR LARGER NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED 1975-76 ACADEMIC YEAR. INDIANA U AND LEWIS WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT THESE STUDENTS ON BASIS AUB EXPERIENCE, WITHOUT TESTS.

3. MINED EXPECTS TO SEND ALL REMAINING STUDENTS RECALLED TO THE UK FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING, BECAUSE TRAINING COSTS IN UK LOWER THAN IN US.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS SITUATION MAY YET CHANGE AGAIN, FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMS US THEY HAVE AGREED PLACE FORTY (40) STUDENTS IN ELT PROGRAMS BUT CONFESS THEY WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN PLACING MORE THAN FORTY. THEY EXPECT TO BE ASKED TO PLACE AT LEAST SIXTY (60) OTHERS. SECOND, IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME OF THE STUDENTS ALREADY HAVE ENGLISH SKILLS, AND NOBODY HAS DECIDED WHERE THESE WILL GO.
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